QUESTIONS and ANSWERS for Ukraine Inquiries

Q: I am a Ukrainian National in the United States without legal status. What are my options to remain in the United States?

A: For Ukrainian nationals currently in the United States who do not have an immigration status allowing them to remain in the United States, the Biden administration has granted Temporary Protected Status (TPS) to Ukraine. Individuals who are beneficiaries of TPS can apply for employment authorization and are not removable from the United States for the duration of the TPS designation.

Q: What should I tell my family members who have applied to come to the United States through the Lautenberg program?

A: If your family member has an existing refugee case through the Lautenberg Program in Ukraine and has left the country, they should write to Resettlement Support Center (RSC) Eurasia at icc@iom.int and inform the RSC of their new location and contact details. If the cases are Ready for Departure and in a location where the International Organization for Migration (IOM) can organize their departure at the time, they will be informed by RSC of the next steps. USRAP refugee applicants cannot self-arrange their travel. Pre-Embarkation Check (PEC) and departure have to be arranged by IOM.

Q: What should I tell my family members who have not yet applied for refugee status or asylum but want to come to the United States?

A: If you are a refugee or an asylee in the United States and want your family abroad to join you, there are various avenues to take. Please refer to USCIS guidance here and contact an immigration attorney. USCRI offers legal services that can be contacted here.

Q: I am Ukrainian fleeing Ukraine into a nearby country. Who should I be in touch with when I arrive?

A: For Ukrainians traveling to or present in other countries, please see below from the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR)'s Ukraine page for information about asylum procedures and where to go for help.

- In Hungary: Please see the UNHCR HELP page for Hungary: https://help.unhcr.org/hungary/ and the page of the Hungarian
Helsinki Committee: 

- In **Moldova**: Please see the page of the asylum authorities: http://bma.gov.md/ro/content/%D0%B2%D0%B0%D0%B6%D0%B8%D0%B8%D0%B2%D0%BE and this partner page for available services: https://dopomoga.life/. You can contact UNHCR at: hunbu@unhcr.org.

- In **Poland**: Please see the UNHCR HELP page for Poland: https://help.unhcr.org/poland/ and the Polish government website for Ukrainians: https://www.gov.pl/web/udsc/ukraina-en (scroll down for additional languages and note their hotline at: +48477217575).

- In **Romania**: Please see the UNHCR HELP page for Romania: https://help.unhcr.org/romania/ and the website of our partner, the National Council for Refugees: https://www.cnrr.ro/index.php/ro/

- In **Slovakia**: Please see the UNHCR HELP page for Slovakia here: https://help.unhcr.org/slovakia/ and the Slovak government website for Ukrainians at: https://ua.gov.sk/en.html

- In **all other countries**: Please see the UNHCR HELP page https://help.unhcr.org/ and select the relevant country.